Required Use of Two-Factor Authentication Using Login.Gov for ERA’s External Modules in 2021

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NOT-OD-21-040 informs the research community that by September 15, 2021, NIH eRA users will be required to use Login.gov to access external eRA modules, e.g. Commons, Commons Mobile, Internet Assisted Review (IAR) and ASSIST. Login.gov is a shared service, 2-factor authentication provider managed by General Services Administration (GSA).

eRA will rollout the requirement to associate eRA accounts to Login.gov stating with users of the IAR module. The new requirement will be phased in for reviewers meeting by meeting starting with the February 1, 2021 meeting and forward.

eRA Commons and ASSIST users should plan to associate their eRA Commons and Login.gov accounts any time before the mandatory implementation deadline of September 15, 2021.

Users can only have one eRA account associated to one Login.gov account. If you have more than one eRA account please consult the FAQs: https://era.nih.gov/faqs.htm#XXIV11

Once a user has transitioned to Login.gov, they should not use their eRA credentials and password to access NIH eRA modules.

See step-by-step instructions, FAQs, video tutorials and more at: https://era.nih.gov/register-accounts/access-era-modules-via-login-gov.htm

Direct all inquiries to the eRA Service Desk: https://grants.nih.gov/support/index.html

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